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TAGS: SHUM, EFIN, EBRD, IDB, UY

SUBJECT: US WILL SUPPORT VOCATIONAL TRAINING LOAN TO URUGUAY

REF: STATE 135966

1. APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S DECISION TO SUPPORT \$8 MILLION
IBRD VOCATIONAL TRAINING LOAN FOR URUGUAY, AS RECOMMENDED
BY EMBASSY.

2. WE AGREE WITH PROPOSAL PARA 4 OF REF THAT IN COM-
MUNICATING THIS DECISION TO GOU WE SHOULD IN LOW-KEY
MANNER MAKE CLEAR THE DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN OUR POSITIONS
ON THIS LOAN AND ON THE FORTHCOMING UTE LOAN. GOU OFFICIALS
BOTH CIVILIAN AND MILITARY, HAVE A PENCHANT FOR MISUNDER-
STANDING, FOR READING MORE INTO A SITUATION THAN IS ACTUALLY
THERE. WE MUST BE CAREFUL NOT TO MISLEAD THEM.

3. IN COMMUNICATING OUR DECISION TO SUPPORT THE VOCATIONAL
LOAN WE SHOULD POINT OUT THAT IT IS NOT ONLY A SIGNAL TO
ACKNOWLEDGE RECENT POSITIVE ACTIONS OF THE GOU BUT IS
ALSO AN ATTEMPT TO REINFORCE THE MODERATES WITHIN THE GOU
WHO FAVOR SUCH POSITIVE STEPS. IN EXPLAINING THE DISTINCTIVE
FACTORS AFFECTING OUR POSITION ON THE UTE LOAN AND THE
NEED FOR FURTHER SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS WE SHOULD REFER
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TO THE ABA RECOMMENDATIONS AS SIMPLY ILLUSTRATIVE OF MEASURES
THAT MIGHT BE TAKEN. THERE ARE OTHER POSITIVE ACTIONS BESIDES
THOSE SUGGESTED BY THE ABA WHICH THE URUGUAYANS MIGHT TAKE,
SUCH AS ELIMINATING PRESS CENSORSHIP OR OPENING A DIALOGUE
WITH TRADITIONAL-PARTY POLITICIANS -- MOST OF WHOM HAVE BEEN
DEPRIVED OF THEIR POLITICAL RIGHTS. WE SHOULD AVOID
FOCUSSING THEM TOO NARROWLY ON THE ABA RECOMMENDATIONS, WITHOUT

DIMINISHING THEIR IMPORTANCE.
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